(d) whether the Cradle Baby Scheme in Tamil Nadu, which has been yielding very good response and results, would be followed in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) National Crime Record Bureau does not maintain sex-wise information on infanticide. However, State/UT-wise number of cases registered under Infanticide (Section 315 IPC) during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 are 102, 108 and 126 respectively.

(c) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the scheme of Dhanalakshmi-Conditional Cash Transfer for girl child with Insurance Cover which includes cash transfers to the family of the girl child based on the fulfillment of four important conditionalities *viz.* birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, retention in school and delaying marriage beyond 18 years of age. The Ministry is also undertaking awareness and sensitization programmes.

(d) Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely "Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)" for implementation during the Eleventh Plan Period under which there is provision for setting up of Cradle Baby Reception Centres in each district. These Cradle Baby Reception Centres would be linked to Cradle Points at Primary Health Care Centres (PHCs), Hospitals/Nursing Homes, Swadhar Units, Short Stay Homes and in District Child Protection Unit to receive abandoned babies. The proposed scheme is yet to be implemented.

Regulation of surrogacy

2943. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to regulate the business of surrogacy through Government agency in the interest of surrogate child;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether surrogacy cost in the country are abysmally low as compared to USA, UK and other countries; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) It is informed by Indian Council of Medical Research that there is no control of Government on IVF practices including surrogacy in the country and, therefore, there is no authentic data regarding the cost of surrogacy in the country.

Chairmen of the Social Welfare Boards

2944. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Social Welfare Boards in all States are approved by the Chairperson, Central Social Welfare Board in the Ministry;

(b) when the previous Chairperson of the Punjab Social Welfare Board was appointed and for how many years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the same Chairperson is continuing even after the expiry of the term;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the reasons for not accepting the proposal of Punjab Chief Minister to appoint the new Chairperson and keeping the proposal pending and for how long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Smt. Ratna was appointed as Chairperson of State Social Welfare Board for two years from the date of assuming charge *i.e.* 29.9.2004 which was notified by the State Government and through a revised notification issued by the State Government extended her tenure from two to three years, The proposal for the reconstitution of the Punjab State Welfare Board was not received from the State Government even after the end of the term of the State Board on 28.9.2007. Therefore, following Rule 3 (v) of the Rules Governing Composition and Functions of the State Boards, the term of Smt. Ratna as Chairperson of the State Board was extended on 3.10.2007 until further orders as an interim measures in order to ensure smooth functioning of the Punjab State Social Welfare Board.

(e) The proposal dated 5.11.2007 for selecting a Chairperson of Punjab Social Welfare Board sent by the State Government to CSWB is under consideration.

Schemes under the ICDS

2945. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes that come under ICDS programme;

(b) out of the above the schemes which are being implemented in all districts of the country;

(c) how many children have been brought under the provision of the Integrated Programme for Street Children during 2006-07 and 2007-08 and given the benefit of care and protection;

(d) how many children have been benefited during 2006-07 and 2007-08 under the scheme termed as programme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care, and Protection; and

(e) the details of benefits received by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a single scheme with no other sub-schemes thereunder.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The relevant details, of the Integrated Programme for Street Children and programme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care and Protection, are available at the Ministry's website www.wcd.nic.in.